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For : CLOSURE PART AND METHOD FOR ITS PRODUCTION AND
: APPARATUS FOR USING THE METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees, please amend the claims, as presented in the response to the first International Preliminary Examination Report and for which a translation is provided herewith, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim ~~3~~, line 1, please delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 4".

Please add new claims 7-10 as follows:

--7. Process for the manufacture of a fastening part in accordance with Claim 2, characterized by the fact that the fluorine is applied in the form of a gas in a nitrogen atmosphere.

8. Process in accordance with claim 7, characterized by the fact that the insertion is made in continuous or discontinuous operation with 3 percent fluorine at room temperature or 10 percent fluorine at

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